NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

$50 BOND FOR EVERY SOLDIER

Bill Being Drawn By Luzerne Man to Reward Pennsylvanians

A $50 Victory Bond for every son of Pennsylvania, who fought in the great war is to be the slogan of a bill now being drafted at the instance of Representative Robert B. MacCallum, of Luzerne, and which he hopes to have ready for presentation when the House reconvene next Monday night.

"Pennsylvania furnished over 362,000 fighters in the war against Germany. They made records on land and sea of which all Pennsylvanians should be, and are, proud. This splendid army of young fellows deserve more than plaudits of the crowds, who line the sidewalks as they pass in review. The old Keystone State with its vast resources surely ought to be big enough, I know she is financially able enough, to see that this army in itself is given some real, substantial recognition. The Victory Loan is to be launched shortly. One knows of no better way to start it off with a roar in this commonwealth than by having the state purchase a $50 bond for every soldier, sailor and marine, who crossed its borders to go 'over there' to make the fight 'to make the world safe for democracy,'" Mr. MacCallum said to-day.

It is estimated that it would take over $18,000,000 to provide every Pennsylvania fighter with a bond. Mr. MacCallum's idea is that if the state is not prepared to buy a block of bonds of such dimensions and for such a patriotic purpose out of its current funds, the Legislature should enact a law that would levy a tax of a few cents on every individual and every piece of real estate in the state. "I'm satisfied that if such a course is taken that not a word of protest will come from any corner of Pennsylvania. The people know what our boys did in bringing the war to a successful close. They are aching for an opportunity to show their appreciation. My bill, I am sure, will pave the way," Mr. MacCallum said.

Teachers' Salary Bill on Calendar

The House Education committee reported the Woodruff bill to increase the salaries of public school teachers. Amendments desired by the teachers have been inserted. The legislation is estimated to cost the State any where from $4,000,000 to $7,000,000 a year, the exact figure being unattainable at present. The friends of the legislation express confidence that the aid of Governor William C. Sproul will be forthcoming and the first cut into the appropriation pie, after certain fixed charges are provided for, will go to the teachers.

In its original form the bill provided that the State would pay 50 per cent. of the salaries. This has been changed so that each school district would pay $40 a month salary to all teachers principals, supervisors, directors of special subjects and their assistants, whose salaries are increased more than 25 per cent. under the minimum salary clause of the Woodruff bill The remainder of the salary would come from the State. The salary rolls for 1918-19 are taken as the basis in figuring the percentage.

New clauses inserted in the bill make the following provisions: Each principal, teacher or other instructor, holding a certificate higher than a provisional, who receives a salary of less than $100 a month, and not increased by at least 25 per cent. under the minimum salary clause, would receive an increase of 25 per cent. to be paid by the State. Each clerk, stenographer, janitor, attendance officer or other person engaged in any work connected with the schools, receiving less than $100 a month, would get a 25 per cent. increase. Employes, other than teachers, receiving more than $100 a month would get the same percentage of increases allowed instructors receiving like salaries. Review by the courts of a decision of the superintendent of public instruction on what constitutes a "rural school" is provided. This was denied in the original bill. It is provided that the State funds necessary to finance the increased salaries would be provided over and above the general appropriations made to schools. The State is to pay its share to the districts semi-annually instead of quarterly. Districts can make payments on increased salaries in advance of receiving the money from the State.

LONG LIFE FOR THE STATE ROADS

Additional Changes Are Matters For the Legislature Nowadays

Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler informed delegations from Clarion and Berks counties last night that the State intends to build long-lived roads and that while it was not going to bear the whole cost of the secondary highways it was interested in seeing that they were in the best manner possible.

The Commissioner informed the Clarion countians that the State now planned to go ahead on State aid propositions as they are recommended by county commissioners. "Conditions have changed and we will follow the ideas of county authorities, not preferences or suggestions made several years ago before conditions changed," said he.

The Clarion people, headed by Representative E. M. Sweitzer and County Commissioner Jacob Stahlman, said that the county had $250,000 in sight for road building this year and would put a bond issue for a million up to voters in the late summer. They outlined a system of construction including roads from Clarion to East Brady by way of Rimersburg; Clarion to New Bethlehem through Greenville; from Callensburg to Perryville and Shippensville to St. Petersburg by way of Edenburg.

The Berks delegation said that a million dollar bond issue was likely in that county and asked whether concrete foundations could not be used instead of broken stone and bituminous mixture top. Mr. Sadler rejoined that the Governor wanted to give the State the best roads on the William Penn and other highways and that the delegation would condemn the department if it would waste the funds.

In speaking to the Berks county people the Commissioner outlined what would be done where foundations are good. "The State will reconstruct where needed and seal with a liquid bituminous coating. On top of this a two inch bituminous surface will be laid. The thoroughfare will be eighteen feet wide plus extra side shoulders," said he. "The completed highway will be one of the best in the State and we shall do what we propose doing with all other completed highways—keep the first hole from appearing. I hope the county will put as much money as it can into good roads and avail itself of the $148,000 to its credit for State aid construction."

Senator George W. Sassaman headed the delegation which included County Commissioners J. C. Herbine, Daniel S. Gabel and Harry D. Matthews; Engineer Charles Sanders and Controller Cyrus J. Rhode.

A Lackawanna delegation asked for a new stretch of State highway from Jermyn to Tompkinsville by way of Heart Lake. The Commissioner said it was a legislative matter. John B. Griffth, J. J. Jermyn, H. D. Casey, Scranton; Harry Warren, Scott township, and Paul M. Cure, Greenfield township, were in the delegation.

Lancaster and Lebanon county people asked improvement of a secondary road from Manheim to the Lebanon line and were told to have county commissioners recommend it. Representative A. B. Hess was the speaker, the others present being Representatives S. R. Zimmerman, Lebanon; G. H. Diehm, Lititz; Rev. George Weaver, H. C. Trout, J. H. Nissley, John R. Cassell and A. B. Vigelsmith, Manheim; C. C. Burdan, S. R. Deppen and S. Hawes, Lebanon. Representative J. I. Woodruff headed a Snyder county party which asked for a new route from near Shamokin dam to Northumberland, but were told that it was a legislative matter. This party included Robert Fiss, L. C. Buffington, G. A. Kauffman, George A. Rhodes, Shamokin Dam; Reuben Meiser, H. J. Stammert, Charles Bolig, M .A, Hummel, E. J. Renner, A. C. Boust and F. M Vandevender, of Northumberland

HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR THE WEEK

Members Work Until Late and Committees Goes to Catlin Funeral Today

Members of the House of Representatives paid tribute to Senator Sterling R. Catlin, of Wilkes-Barre, last night by adjourning for the week at the conclusion of an afternoon session. Twenty-five House members went to Luzene county seat to-day to attend the funeral. The House cleared a big calendar yesterday and most of the committees met, outlining their work to make a clean up preparatory to adjournment in May.

Two proposed constitutional amendments, which passed in the session of 1917 and would affect Harisburg, were introduced by Mr. Cox, Philadelphia. One authorizes cities to acquire more land than actually needed for public purposes for future protection and the other for improvements on properties benefited whether abutting or not. The first bill would enable purchase of any property needed fronting on Copitol Park if it should become a law.

A bill making a new system of distribution of proceeds of mercantile and other license taxes, was also presented by Mr. Cox. Mercantile, billard and similar licenses and brokers licenses are to be retained by counties and after deduction of expenses to be distributed to cities, boroughs and townships. The act is to take effect January 1, 1920.

Mr. Martin, Allegheny, presented a State Civil Service bill similar to those introduced in recent sessions.

Other bills presented were:

Mr. Mehring, Philadelphia, forbidding experiments on live dogs.

Mr. Fox, Philadelphia, limiting county expenditures for funerals of soldiers to $250.

Mr. Golden, Philadelphia; requiring all food sold in Philadelphia to be handled in accord with rules of the Board of Health.

Mr. Glass, Philadelphia; relieving lands of the United States or State or any political sub division thereof from State tax. This would exempt all city and similar lands. Also a bill subjecting real estate of all public service corporations to local taxation.

Mr. Ramsey, Delaware; fixing salary of superintendent of public instruction at $10,000 and to be full compensation for all services to the State.

Mr. McVicar, Allegheny; regulating discharge of sureties of deceased tax collectors.

Mr. Cox, Philadelphia; refunding to City of Philadelphia $197,667.05 paid as taxes on bequest of John G. Johnson.

The general appropriation bill went back to committee for further revision and these Senate bills passed finally:

Making secretary of internal affairs custodian of all State deeds, etc., relative to State property.

Estalishing municipalities bureau in Department of Internal Affairs.

Increasing pay of township supervisors to from $2.50 to $6 per day.

House bills:

Making president judge of Allegheny common pleas courts member of county salary board.

Allowing third class cities to make appropriations for band concerts.

Providing a method of establishing titles to land acquired at a sale for unpaid municipal taxes.

Authorizing trust companies to issue preferred stocks.

The House adjourned at 5.30 p. m. until Monday at 9 p. m.

Conservation Bill Is Presented in Senate

Governor William C. Sproul's bill to create the department conservation to concentrate the game, fisheries, water supply and forestry departments under one head, appeared in the Senate late yesterday. It was presented by Senator Richard J. Baldwin, of Delawareñ and is as already outlined. The measure creates the bureaus of game, fish, forestry and water, and abolishes the game, fish and forestry departments and the water supply commission.

The conservation department would be under the charge of a commissioner at a salary of $8,000 a year. An advisory of nine to be appointed by the Governor is also created, the members of which are to advise the commissioner from time to time on such atters as he may bring before them, and are to serve without compensation.

Each of the four bureaus would be in charge of a director at a salary of $5,000 a year. The bill also provides for the appointment of game protectors, deputy game protectors, forestry, fire wardens and forestry detectives.

After passing approximately 30 bills on third reading yesterday, the Senate adjourned until next Monday evening at 9.30 out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Catlin of Luzerne, who died on Sunday.

The members of the Senate left this morning at 8.45 on board a special train, for Wilkes-Barre, where they will attend Senator Catlin's funeral this afternoon. Returning the special will arrive in this city at 7.45 P. M. A committee of 25 from the House accompanied them.

The fishermen's license bill establishing a $1 license for all persons desiring to fish and exempting from the license farmers and members of their families and persons fishing on their own lands, was favorably reported to the House. The aim of the bill, presented by Mr. Powell, Luzerne, is to provide revenue for the department of fisheries similar to that which is furnished for the Game Commission by the hunter's license. All persons over seventeen years of age must take out licenses to fish and non residents of the State must pay $5. Unnaturalized foreigners can not fish in Pennsylvania. The Game committee reported out the bill allowing dogs to be trained on Sunday provided no firearms are carried and providing for auxilliary game preserves.

CALLS OBJECTORS ABUSED

Chicago, March 26.—Charges that conscientious objectors were treated inhumanely at Camp Funston and other national army cantonments were made yesterday by Captain Albert A. Henry formerly attached to the office of the third Assistant Secretary of War. He replied to charges by Major Dick B. Foster, formerly supervisor of welfare work at Camp Funston, that Secretary Baker "intentionally or unintentionally," had aided the I. W. W. and other anti-war organizations

HARRISBURG TO GET POLICE TROOP

Bill Reorganizing Department Would Locate the New Organization Here

Under terms of the bill reorganizing the state police, one of the two presented to the House of Representatives late yesterday afternoon, the fifth troop of state police, which is organized by the bill, would be located in Harrisburg.

The final clause provides that the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings shall cause to be constructed on the state arsenal grounds or on land near Harrisburg barracks and stables for the new troops, which will operate from Harrisburg as a center. Troops are now located at Greensburg, Butler, Wyoming and Pottsville. This plan, which comes from Governor Sproul, carries out what has long been urged and which was much discussed in previous sessions.

The administration bills reorganizing the state police force and creating in the department bureaus to take over the work of the fire marshal's department and to handle criminal records and make investigations were introduced by Mr. Powell, Luzerne, one of the most influential members.

The bills were drawn by Attorney General Schaffer and transfer all powers of inquiry, reports, subpena and building inspection and fire hazard removal held by the fire marshal's office to the police; establish the bureau of fire protection under a chief at $4,500 with an office force; add the duties of keeping records to the department chief; add one troop; to the four now existing, the troop officers to consist of a captain at $2,500, lieutenant at $2,000, first sergeant at $1,500; five sergeants at $1,380; ten corporals at $1,320; one to be a saddler and one a smith and 65 privates at $1,200. Provision is made for advances after continuous service.

The police qualifications of cities are established for the men.

The bill also confers on the state police the power of enforcement of all laws relating to game, fish, forestry and water supply and they are to act as game, forest, fish or fire wardens. Additional powers relative to enforcement of the laws mentioned are expressly set forth and other departments of the state government may call on police for assistance with approval of the Governor. A biennial report is called for.

The act is to be effective June 1.

Military Training Bill Reported Out

The bills reorganizing the adjutant general's department and establishing bureaus and providing a new retirement limit for officers of the National Guard were among the bills reported out by the military affairs committee of the House, the Scott military training bill being also sent out.

The bill requiring pre-emptions to be filed before primaries and that providing a means of abolishing useless election districts were favorably reported by the elections committee. Other bills reported out were: Providing an appropriation to fight the potato wart; making bridges on highways taken over by the State charges upon the State for maintenance; authorizing the Banking Commissioner to investigate necessity as well as promotion schemes in acting on charters for banks; increasing penalties for bringing stolen property into the State; forbidding unfair trade practices, such as destroying or defacing trade marks; and the Senate resolution relative to West Virginia and natural gas supplies.

PLAN REVIVAL OF RORKE BILL

Advocates of Sunday Entertainments Scheme to Get Bill on Calendar

Men behind the Rorke bill to permit Sunday concerts and entertainments plan to get the bill on the calendar next week if they can in spite of the negative recommendation of the judiciary special committee. They hope for a "light house" and will endeavor to have the action of the committee set aside and the fight revived on the floor of the House. It will take only a majority of those voting to restore the bill.

Mr. Norton, of Berks, reported the bill negatively late yesterday afternoon not long after the judiciary special committee had "killed" the bill. The action in the whole committee was 18 to 6 and was taken notwithstanding a statement by Mr. Rorke, Philadelphia, sponser for the bill, that if the bill went to the floor of the House an amendment would be made to require all films to be shown on Sunday to be specially censored.

When the committee met John R. K. Scott, the chairman, announced that he was against the bill. A request for another week to hold a hearing in Scranton and further "ascertain sentiment" met with opposition and Messrs. Wallace, Catlin, Bolard, Gans and others urged immediate action by the sub committee. Mr. Fowler said that he thought there should be at least a week more granted and incidentally said that he did not care for any threats to "get" him for his vote.

The sub committee was in session half an hour and then Mr. Rorke reported that it had made a negative recommendation. Messrs. Aron, Marcus, Fowler, Baldi and Rorke thought that the bill should go to the floor of the House to be settled. Mr. Norton, Berks, remarking that while he came from a town said by some to be "open" he had not been asked by any of his people to vote for the bill. He added that while he could not prove it there were reports that from $50,000 to $1,000,000 had been raised to put through the bill. "If the proponents of the bill can get enough votes let them put it on the calendar notwithstanding negative recommendation but as for myself I am against it," said he.

The vote for a negative recommendation was Scott, Norton, Patterson, Todd, Sarig, North, Beidlespacher, Evans, Krause, Sweitzer, Gans, Wallace, Catlin, Campbell, Snowden, Goehring, Bolard and Brooks—18.

Against negative recommendation: Heyburn, Baldi, Aron, Rorke, Fowler and Marcus—6.

Two members were absent.

Mr. Fowler filed his reasons in accord with his statement.

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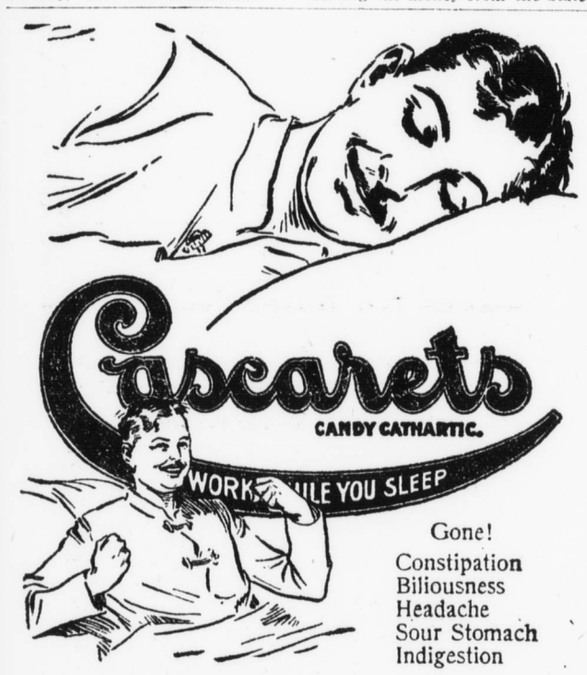

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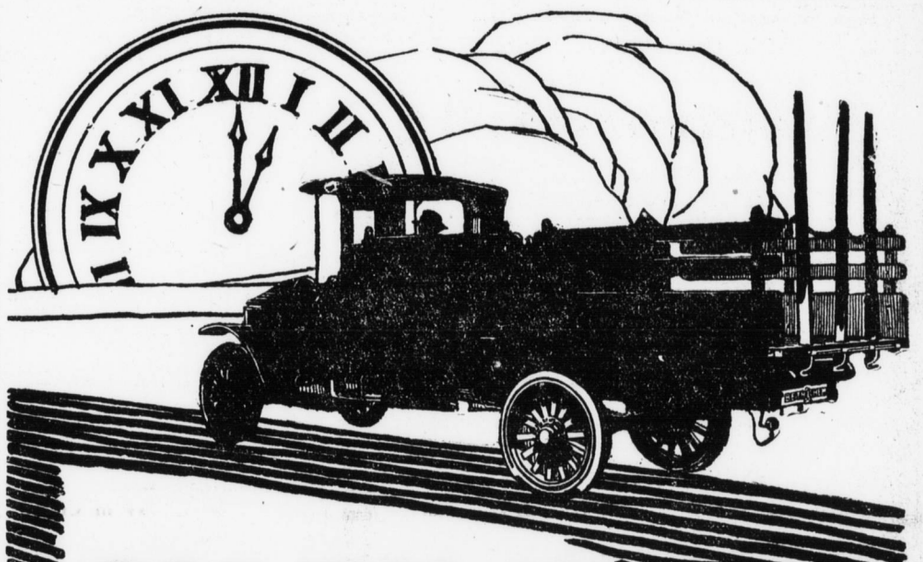

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